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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, MASS, BM

SUBJECT: ARMORED CAR LICENSE DENIAL

REF: RANGOON 978

1. SINCE THE ACTION TAKEN TO DENY THE ARMORED CAR EXPORT LICENSE ORIGINATED HERE, WE AGREE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR US TO INFORM THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT THROUGH ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. MOREOVER, BECAUSE WE HAVE SPOKEN TO THE EMBASSY PREVIOUSLY ABOUT THE PURCHASE OF TEAR GAS GRENADES, FURTHER DISCUSSION ABOUT ARMORED CARS WILL NOT APPEAR UNUSUAL.

2. FYI: IT IS OF INTEREST, THAT DESPITE INDICATIONS THAT THE BURMESE MILITARY MIGHT BE ANXIOUS TO EXPEDITE THIS PURCHASE OF ARMORED CARS, THE BURMESE EMBASSY EVIDENTLY HAS NOT BEEN ASKED TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION. AS YOU KNOW, THE EMBASSY WAS ASKED TO LOOK INTO THE TEAR GAS PURCHASE.

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END FYI.

3. ACCORDINGLY, WE PLAN AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM THE EMBASSY OF THIS LICENSE DENIAL AND TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING AIDE-MEMOIRE: "THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS

DENIED A LICENSE TO THE CADILLAC GAGE COMPANY FOR THE EXPORT OF NINE V-150 COMMANDO ARMORED CARS TO BURMA SINCE THE CARS IN QUESTION APPEAR PRIMARILY DESIGNED TO COPE WITH PUBLIC SAFETY, URBAN UNREST, AND OTHER STRICTLY INTERNAL PROBLEMS.

"AT THE SAME TIME, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT OF BURMA IN COPING WITH ITS EXTERNAL SECURITY PROBLEMS. WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE, FOR EXAMPLE, T-33 AIRCRAFT AT AN ADVANTAGEOUS PRICE. WE ARE ALSO READY AND WILLING TO CONTINUE CLOSE BURMESE-UNITED STATES COOPERATION ON NARCOTICS MATTERS. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO CONSULT FURTHER ON SEVERAL ITEMS OF ANTI-NARCOTIC EQUIPMENT WHICH MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO BURMA ON A GRANT BASIS." KISSINGER

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